GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:291
ANSWERED ON:02.08.2002
EXPORT PROMOTION CENTRES
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have identified locations for opening Export Promotion Centres so as to further boost the exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the area of their working, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government also propose to provide financial assistance to enable them to cater to the needs of the exporters of the small scale sector;

(d) if so, whether there is any plan to form any advisory body for maintaining cordial relations between the Banks and small industries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 291 F ANSWER ON 2ND AUGUST, 2002 REGARDING EXPORT PROMOTION CENTRES

(a) TO (e) : State Governments, Export Promotion Councils and other Export Promotion bodies have been asked to identify important centres from where substantial exports takes place and they have been advised by the Central Government to take measures for development of infrastructure and other facilities at such places. Financial assistance under the Assistance to States for Development of Export Infrastructure and other activities (ASIDE) Scheme, Industrial Infrastructure Development Centre (IID) Schem of Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion (DIPP) and credit from financial institutions for support in terms of inputs, packaging and exports are available to all industries including small scale industries at such centres. State Governments have been advised to form State Level Export Promotion Committees under the Chief Secretaries which will include, inter-alia, the representatives form Reserve Bank of India, banks, local chamber of Commerce and Industry to facilitate flow of credit to export units.